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1. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL (A-I) ENDED DEC 10 AND 11 CLOSED
MEETINGS OF A-I'S "CONFERENCE FOR THE ABOLITION OF TORTURE"
WITH PUBLIC SESSION LATE IN EVENING OF DEC 11. DELOFF
OBSERVER NOTED THAT SPEECHES, BEGINNING WITH FRENCH NOBEL
LAUREATE RENE CASSIN, GENERALLY ADDRESSED SELVES TO
PHILOSOPHICAL EVIL OF TORTURE, NEED FOR PUBLIC AWARENESS
AND FOR PRESSURE ON GOVERNMENTS TO OUTLAW SUCH PRACTICES.

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2. A-I DOCUMENTS DISTRIBUTED OR ON SALE, MOST NOTABLY

"INTERNATIONAL REPORT ON TORTURE" WHICH PROMPTED UNESCO TO CANCEL LEASE OF ITS CONFERENCE FACILITIES TO A-I (REFTEL), MADE DETAILED AND SPECIFIC ACCUSATIONS AGAINST GIVEN COUNTRIES. HOWEVER, SPEECHES WERE GENERALLY CONFINED TO CONDEMNATION OF TORTURE AS GENERAL PRINCIPLE. NO RPT NO SPECIFIC MENTION OF US WAS MADE IN SPEECHES.

3. UNESCO CAME UNDER SHARP CRITICISM FOR CANCELLING A-I LEASE AT SEVERAL POINTS IN QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD FOLLOWING SPEECHES.

4. FOR DEPARTMENT'S REFERENCE IN CASE OF PUBLIC QUERIES NOTEWORTHY PARTICIPANTS LISTED INCLUDED FOLLOWING: MRS. LUCY ABRAHAM (B'NAI B'RITH INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL), JOAN BAEZ (AMERICAN A-I), DR. F.L. BRASSLOFF (WORLD JEWISH CONGRESS), A.J. AYER (UK PHILOSOPHER), LORD CARADON (EX UK AMB TO UN), RAMSAY CLARK, DWAIN EPPS (WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION), PROF. RICHARD FALK (PRINCETON UNIV, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES CENTER), FRANK C. NEWMAN (LAW FACULTY, BERKELEY) AND JEAN SIOTIS (CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE).

5. COPY OF A-I DOCUMENTS BEING POUCHED. STONE

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